## HOW IT SEEMS TO HAVE SIGHT RESTORED

New York Woman's Story of Her Sudden Blindness and Her New Hope,

DIVINE

After Sudden Electrical Shock, Mrs. Jennie Vliet, for Twelve Years Blind, Was Able to Sec.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, April 11. Into the darkened life of Mrs. Jennie Vilet of New Brunswick, N. J., has come a gleam of light. Faint as the first vague suggestion of coming day that sprends across the face of a black sky. It has brought to her the dawn of a great

For tweive years she has been blind-utterly, hopelessly blind. The brightest sun-shine made no impression The optic nerve, they told her, was dead and her case beyond bein Buttling against despair, she went from special at to specialist, "Any-thing but blindness" she cried. But at hast her bushand's small means were ex-

last her husband's small means were exhausted. Rum stared them in the face.

Through the weary years that followed nothing but her perfect faith in the divine power to heal has sustained her. There has been no word of complaint.

She has prayed and others have prayed for her. One menth ago Mrs. Vilet, after several days of great suffering, awakened from sleep and exclaimed with an overwhelming joy: "It is morning! I can see the light." These alsout her could scarcely believe that she was not self-deceived. Loving friends put her to many tests. Dark objects were placed between her and the light, She was lured into a darkened room But Mrs. Vilet had found the light, and none could take it from her.

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What that menth since her discovery has been to her is best told in her own words. Seated in her little home in New Brunswick she recounted what the exquisite hope of sight restored means to a mother who has not seen her pretty 14-year-old daughter since a child of 2, when she held her on her knee.

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"It you can imagine what it is to fall from a beautiful world, where the sky and the flowers and every living thing seemed a separate delight, into a bottomics pit, you will know what my bindaness was to me. My eyes were so clear and strong that whenever I saw a young person with glasses I used to say how hard it must be to have defective sight. Blindness was something I never even remotely contemplated.
"It came like a thunderboit. One moment I saw; the noxt everything was black. My husband had been very ill and I had been nursing him, but I was unconscious of any great strain. For a while it seemed as if the right eve might recover—that was what my physician to, me—but it only grew worse. My husband is poor. Lumbago has made him more or less helpless, and his salary as gateman for the Pennsylvania Ralirond was not more than enough to keep the family. But he was so anxious to save my sight that everything we could spare went—my watch and his and all the little treasures and trinkets we had hoarded since our marriage.

"At first I was told that the optic nerve was dead. Another doctor hold that it was paralyzed. The last verdict was that the enargement of the velns had clouded the vision, and some specialists were of the opinion that a shrinkage might be accomplished by careful treatment. But great specialists cost money. Every time I went to New York someone had to go with me. SIGHT AT LAST RESTORED.

"It was hard, but I had my compensations. One of them was my little daughter. Lillian. She was just 2 when I lost the light, but baby as she was she appeared to appreciate my loss. At 3 she was my guide. Her tiny hand was always at my service; play was secondary. She has watched over me and caref for me as a grown person would, and though I cannot see it. I know that her face is serious and old before her time.

"The prescription which led to my first him of rolled came to me al

been grated. At intervals of six hours this was twice repeated. The effect was clostrical.

"If felt a terrible oppression. Then all at once something seemed to burst in my brain. They told me afterwards a clot of blood on my brain had been dissipated. It was after that that I could distinguish the morning, and when holding my little grandchild in my arms could see the shadowy outline of the baby figure. It gave me renewed life. I can go about the house now almost as well as I used to.

"Only two weeks ago I first made out something like a bright light on the stove. My sister noiselessly removed it before she anked me if it was there still. I said: 'No, it is gone.' Then she returned it, and I cried out: 'Why I can see that it is my own tea-kettle.' I have loved that tea-kettle ever since. Linie by little it will come-lit must come, I am sure."

Corrective Vilet is new a flagman at Bayard street for the railroad. In his moments of leisure he does some remarkable petknife carving, with samples of which he has beenutified his home. Mrs. Vilet was deftly bemming, and exhibited a dainty infant's basket, complete in every detail, the work of her clever fingers.

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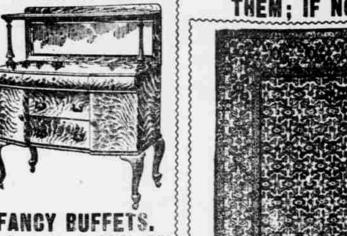
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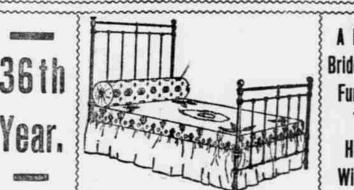


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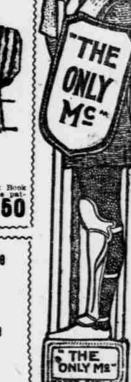
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## **ADVANCED IDEAS OF** NEW CHINESE MINISTER

Sir Chentung Liang Cheng Says This Country Will Inspire China-Brings Twenty-Five Students Here to Be Educated - He Says "United States Is Our Great and Good Friend"-Hopes for

"good-by," but Miss Whun Mul and her two young brothers have been brought along to be educated in English and American customs,

American customs.

One of Sir Cheng's first acts was to deny that he was going to marry a young woman in Paris.

Sir Cheng is democratic. His course through Exeter and Andover, from which he graduated in 1884, has shown him the true side of American life. Sir Cheng was a baseball player while at Andover, and even yet the three-bagger he batted out during a game with Exeter is remembered by all the old Andover students. He is even more polite than the pagazions. Wu The functal of Mrs. Susan Balson, who died hast Friday, will take place this afterhoon from the residence of her son. William L. Balson No. 135 Mino boulevard.

Mrs. Balson was 85 years old. She had lived in St. Loois for the last fifty years. Two children, William L. Balson and Mrs. William Willie survive her. There are also living in St. Louis sixteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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ing the secretive Oriental diplomatist.

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ing his ship died a hero. There's a long list of them. We have shown we cannot get too Americanized to serve our country. STRENUOUS LIFE IN CHINA. 'Oh, yes, we have polities in China. It is just as strenuous there as here. We believe in rotation in office. Every man of prominence has his following and must be taken care of. I am in a way tied up with appointments. I shall appoint a new Consul General at San Francisco and establish a new office at Chicago and make other changes which may be necessary. 'I know something about American polities. You will remember I was an Attache of Legation here in 189s and learned much more about practical politics here than at Andover or Exeter. Men who have been in office six years ought to be changed. We should give everybody a chance.'

The time has come when we as a populous nation must open our doors and accept all that is undern morgressive, educa-



SIR CHENG TUNG LIANG CHENG, The new Chinese Minister.

ally his answers are not as frank as they might be.

A man of good physique, Sir Cheng will impress Americans most because of his conviction in favor of American institutions. He thinks American institutions. He thinks American is the best place to educate the youth of China and will do all be can to have students sent here each year for study.

He points with much pride not only to himself but to others who have since become distinguished in their service to their Government, who were educated in America.

There's little Chung," sail Sir Cheng, who as coxswain sent the Yale crew to victory over Harvard with his cry of "More to the large of the wenty-one provinces of China will support promising students in America henceforth. It is the first echo of the educational revolution at hand to the order of the wenty-one provinces of China will support promising students in America henceforth. It is the first echo of the educational revolution at hand to the order of them being students in America henceforth. It is the first echo of the education at the control of the education and acquire much that the control of the education and equipment to the control of the education and equipment to the control of the education at the control of the education and acquire much that the control of the education and equipment to the control of the educat

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here in their studies by the Government and some of them will be supported by private means. Most of them are of very wealthy families. I have my whole personal suite, with scretaries and Logation officials, and many of them have their wives with them.

"I am hoping for better things in the commercial relations between these two countries, and I have had in mind the establishing of a new trading country myself. The newspapers, let me state, are a power for good in improving the commercial relations between the two countries. They can be a power for the betterment of our relations between the two countries. They can be a power for the betterment of our relations hetween the two countries. They can be a power for the betterment of our relations hetween the two countries. They can be a power for the betterment of our relations hetween the two countries. They can be a power for the betterment of our relations hetween the two countries. They can be a power for the best, and woreal itself in this like from other countries, because you americans make things to wear. In my city, Canton, we much prefer American cloths because they are much because you american goods. They have the prefer much some its like it. Your cloths and woolens, etc., are much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in fabric, as a rule, to the much superior in

mate and work. Your best merchants and most of the well-to-do people want Chinese in the islands.

"A court edict was issued two years ago forbidding the binding of the feet of female children. Are we not progressive? Why, in ten years no Chinese young man will marry a Chinese girl whose feet have been deformed by binding.

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eating, and what little we do eat is a burden to the stomach and a tax upon the digestion. Warm weather is sure to bring out the hidden poisons, germs and seeds of disease that have

been collecting in the blood and system during winter, and you may look for some old chronic trouble to make its appearance. It is a time, too, when boils and carbuncles, and pustular or scaly skin eruptions like eczema and tetter, pay their annual visits and make life miserable by their intense pains and intolerable itching and burning. The fight for health should begin before any warning symptoms of physical collapse are felt, or before the germs and seeds of disease have time to germinate if we would avoid the usual spring sickness; and with S. S. S., the acknowledged king of blood purifiers and greatest of all tonics, you can put your blood and system in such perfect condition and so strengthen the constitution that one

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